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SCRAPING STATE LEVEL COMMON ENTRNCE TESTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has asked the Centre to scrap State-level common entrance tests and conduct all India entrance test for admission to medical colleges as reported in the 'Times of India' dated November 12, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Knowledge Commission has called for overhauling of the present system;

(d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the working group sent by the National Knowledge Commission has submitted its report;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (g) : The National Knowledge Commission has recently presented a compilation of its recommendations on education which includes medical education. It inter alia mentions there should be only one All India Common Entrance Test for all students who would like to get admission to Self-Financing Medical Colleges. Since the CBSE conducted examination for the 15 per cent All India quota in Government Medical Colleges is taken by a very large number of students, this would appear to be the ideal examination whose ambit can be expanded." The recommendations are being examined.